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FRENCH ADVANCE IN VERDUN REGION

Forced Back the Soldiers of the German Crown Prince a Distance of Almost Two Miles

7,500 PRISONERS AND NUMEROUS GUNS TAKEN

Struck the German Positions Between the Meuse and Woivre Rivers Along a Front of About Six Miles—Buzen, an Important Railway Center Northeast of Bucharest, Has Been Captured by the Austro-Germans—Teutons and Bulgarians Have Begun an Offensive in Dobrudja—In an Aggressive Move in Mesopotamia the British Have Arrived Within One and One-Half Miles of Kut-el-Amara—Greece Has Granted Demands of Entente Allies to Withdraw Troops From Thessaly.

French troops have again made an effective thrust in the Verdun region. Striking at the German positions between the Meuse and Woivre rivers, north of Douaumont and north-northwest of the fortress, along a front of about six miles, the French forced back the soldiers of the German crown prince for a distance of almost two miles. More than 7,500 prisoners and numerous guns were taken from the Germans, Paris announces.

In its latest official communication the German war office admitted that "advantages" had been obtained in this region by the attackers.

Buzen, an important railway center northeast of Bucharest and an excellent base from which to begin operations in Moldavia, has been captured by the Austro-Germans. The retreating Rumanians and Russians are reported to be burning villages behind them. Four thousand additional prisoners have been taken by Field Marshal von Mackensen's army.

Simultaneously with the taking of Buzen the Austro-German Danube army and the Bulgarians have begun an offensive in Dobrudja. The Russians and Rumanians, Berlin states, have evacuated their positions under the pressure exerted by the advance in Great Wallachia.

British troops have taken the offensive near Kut-el-Amara in Mesopotamia and Turkish positions on the right bank of the Tigris river, south of Kut-el-Amara, have been taken London announces. At one point the British are within one and one-half miles of Kut-el-Amara.

The Greek government has accepted the demands of the entente allies contained in an ultimatum presented to the Athens government Thursday. It is reported unofficially, Greek troops are to be withdrawn from Thessaly and only a certain number are to be stationed in the Peloponnese. It is said.

SHAMOKIN, PA., THREATENED WITH DESTRUCTION BY FIRE

Dozen Buildings Destroyed—With the Flames Still Uncontrolled—Aid Summoned From Nearby Towns.

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 15.—The business section of this city is threatened with destruction by a fire which broke out tonight in the Williams building on Independence street. About a dozen buildings have been destroyed at an estimated loss of \$250,000 and at midnight the flames were still uncontrolled. Fire departments from Sunbury, Mount Carmel and other nearby towns were summoned when it was found the flames were gaining on the local firemen, but even with this assistance the fire raged until checked. The fire fighters were handicapped by the bitter cold weather. It being necessary to saw the ice in several water plugs before they could be brought into use. One of the buildings destroyed housed sixty families, mainly of foreign birth. All escaped injury but they were driven out into the cold, scantily clad, suffering, especially among the women and children, was intense. The fire is believed to have started from a defective fuse.

300,000,000 OMNIBUS PUBLIC BUILDING BILL

Reintroduced in the House in an Amended Form by Chairman Clark

Washington, Dec. 15.—The \$300,000,000 omnibus public building bill which failed at the last session, was reintroduced in the house in revised form today by Chairman Clark of the public buildings committee. Under it no postoffice buildings would be authorized hereafter at places where postal receipts are less than \$10,000 annually. It carries virtually the same authorizations for buildings in Chicago, Boston and other cities as were included in the original measure, but the total shows a slight increase. Advocates of the bill expect to press it for passage after the holidays.

THREE YOUNG MEN HELD FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER

Charged With Killing a Bridgeport Grocer During Holdup.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 15.—A grand jury here this afternoon found true bills of murder in the first degree against Edward Slattery, John Cavanaugh and Henry W. Welch, charging them with the killing of Nathan Burton, a grocer, during an attempt to hold up and rob the store. All three are young men, under 25 years of age.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT MOTHER WHILE CLEANING REVOLVER

Bullet Pierced Abdomen of Mrs. M. Kahlenbeck of Walnut Grove.

Milford, Conn., Dec. 15.—While cleaning a revolver at his home at Walnut Beach today, Charles Kahlenbeck, aged 31, accidentally shot his mother, Mrs. M. Kahlenbeck. The bullet pierced the abdomen. She was taken to a Bridgeport hospital, where it was said that she had a chance of recovery.

RUSSIAN DUMA TURNS DOWN PEACE PROPOSALS

Vote Taken After Spirited Speech by Minister of Foreign Affairs.

London, Dec. 15, 10:55 p. m.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram company from Petrograd says:

The duma has unanimously passed a resolution against the acceptance of the German peace proposals after a spirited speech by the minister of foreign affairs.

STRIKE VOTE OF NEW HAVEN ROAD TELEGRAPHERS

Men Demand 10 Per Cent. Wage Increase and Annual Vacation of 15 Days.

Boston, Dec. 15.—A strike vote of 1,500 telegraphers employed by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad is in progress, according to a statement made here tonight by E. J. Manion of San Francisco, fifth vice president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers. He is in charge of the local situation. The result of the vote, he said, would be announced within ten days, probably at New York.

The strike was ordered, Mr. Manion declared, because of the alleged refusal of railway officials to deal with a committee of telegraphers until the demands of the union were met. The committee demands a 10 per cent. advance in wages and an annual vacation of 15 days.

STUDENTS TO RID NEW YORK STREETS OF SNOW

Two Thousand Are to Receive Regular Wage of 30 Cents an Hour.

New York, Dec. 15.—Two thousand students of the College of the City of New York will help rid New York streets of the snow which fell today, their services having been offered by President Mezes of the college and accepted by Commissioner Petherston. The students were instructed to report to the street cleaning stations nearest their homes. They will receive the regular wage of 30 cents an hour.

There is a dearth of snow shovellers in New York this year because of the scarcity of labor.

NEW YORK ART DEALERS BUY PORTRAITS BY VAN DYKE

Five Famous Ones Are Said to be Valued at \$1,500,000.

New York, Dec. 15.—Five famous portraits by Van Dyck, said to be valued at \$1,500,000, have been purchased from the Earl of Denbigh by a firm of New York art dealers and brought to this city. It was announced tonight the pictures had hung in the banquet hall of the Earl's estate at Newham, Paddox, Leicestershire, since Van Dyck painted them. The portraits are of King Charles I. and his consort, Queen Henrietta Maria; James Stuart, Duke of Richmond and Lennox; the Duchess of Richmond, daughter of the Duke of Buckingham; and a woman supposed to have been Lady Elizabeth Fielding, daughter of the first Earl of Denbigh.

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

Is Proposed Because of Scarcity and Increasing Cost of Print Paper.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The senate today adopted a resolution by Senator Kenyon of Iowa, directing the committee on printing, in view of the scarcity and increasing cost of print paper, to investigate the subject and to recommend what government publications might be temporarily suspended and what economies might be practiced in the various government departments in the interest of conservation of paper.

Movements of Steamships.

Kirkwall, Dec. 14.—Arrived, steamer Frederick VIII, New York for Copenhagen.

Glasgow, Dec. 14.—Tuscania, New York. Sailed, 8th, steamer Cameronia, New York.

Gothenburg, Dec. 15.—Sailed, steamer Stockholm, New York.

Bergen, Dec. 15.—Sailed, steamer Kristianiafjord, New York.

Cabled Paragraphs

David Lloyd George Improving. London, Dec. 15, 8:16 p. m.—An official communication issued this evening concerning the condition of David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, says:

"The premier's condition is improving, but he is not yet receiving visitors. The chief of the imperial general staff, however, spent some time with him this afternoon transacting urgent business."

DISAPPROVES COMPULSORY HEALTH INSURANCE.

W. C. Curtis, President of a Casualty Insurance Co., Gives His Reasons.

New York, Dec. 15.—Compulsory health insurance for wage earners, legislation for which has been proposed, was strongly disapproved by W. C. Curtis of Detroit, Mich., president of a casualty insurance company, in an address before the tenth annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents here today. Mr. Curtis summarized his objections to compulsory health insurance by saying it would produce these results:

1. Impose a tax of \$5 to effect a saving of \$1.

2. Discard \$3,500,000 of the \$3,500,000 wage earners because of age or physical condition.

3. Provide employment for 250,000 politicians.

4. Create a fund of \$150,000,000 that would be controlled or exclusively administered politically.

5. Permit a small percentage of physicians to control most of the industrial medical practice.

6. Establish socialism, paternalism and class distinction.

7. Organization of a committee of life insurance presidents and commissioners to study insurance taxation and first remedies for the cost of life.

8. Suggested by Charles F. Coffin, vice president and general counsel of an Indianapolis insurance company.

9. Taxation laws to come to the attention of the executive committee to take up with other organizations the study of insurance taxation laws and to prepare a taxation measure.

10. Louis F. Butler of Hartford, Conn., was re-elected a member of the executive committee.

TRANSPORT SUMMER IN DANGER OF GOING TO PIECES

Barnegat Coast Guard Called to the Assistance of Men on Board.

New York, Dec. 15.—The United States transport Sumner, which went aground off Barnegat, N. J., in a fog Monday night and which has resisted all efforts of tug boats to free it, was believed early this morning to be in danger of going to pieces. Vessels which had gone to her assistance have been asked to stand by to take off the members of the crew who have remained on board.

A call also was sent to the Barnegat coast guard and to the assistance of the men on board.

The transport began leaking badly early in the evening and the engine room was flooded before midnight. At that hour the Sumner began to settle deeply into the sand and it was believed there was slight probability the vessel would be saved.

Sixty-one members of the crew of the Sumner were brought to this city yesterday on board the transport Kilpatrick, which had stood by for many hours to lend its aid to the tugs which were attempting to drag the stranded steamer into deep water.

The ship's wireless could not be heard after 12:30 and apparently had been flooded. It had been gradually growing weaker for some time and the last words caught were: "We are launching boat."

The last word was not finished but it was supposed to mean power boat.

Boatmen of the coast guard cutter Seneca and others manned by the Barnegat coast guards were on their way to the Sumner's side a few minutes later.

BRYAN SENDS MESSAGE TO BRITISH PREMIER

Urging Him to Use His Influence for Peace Negotiations.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 15.—William J. Bryan here today, on his way to Miami, Fla., stated that he had sent this message to the British premier: "The nations of the world are at war, as a Christian and a lover of humanity, I respectfully but most earnestly appeal to you to use your great influence to secure the government's consent to negotiations. There is no dispute that must necessarily be settled by force. All international disputes are capable of adjustment by peaceful means. Every guarantee that peace may be secured by war can be stated as a condition precedent to peace. Do not, I pray you, by refusing to investigate the subject and to speakable horrors of this unparalleled conflict, four decades may mean life or death to millions."

EXTRA SESSION SUGGESTED FOR RAILROAD LEGISLATION

If Congress Fails to Find Time for It During This Session.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Senator Newlands chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee and of the joint congressional committee investigating railroad problems, announced in a statement tonight that if congress could not find time at this session to pass railroad bills suggested by the president, the subject should be dealt with at an extra session of congress.

The Nevada senator also stated that the joint investigating committee had determined to ask congress to extend its life until Jan. 1, 1917, to ask for the retention of the committee of Representatives and the senate committee on the subject of railroad problems, and to seek an increase in the appropriation for expenses from \$24,000 to \$40,000.

GOVERNORS DISCUSS ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS

Gov. McCall of Massachusetts Doesn't Believe in Dual Control of Militia.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The sessions today were devoted to discussion of state administrative problems, national defense and peace. Governor Capper of Kansas who made the only speech at the afternoon session, declared the United States should be the most prominent figure in an effort to end the European war. His address was applauded but was followed by only brief discussion and no action was taken on his suggestions.

Governor McCall of Massachusetts declared that in his opinion this country cannot have an effective dual control of militia.

Audacious Offer Comes From Villa

ANXIOUS TO RIGHT HIMSELF WITH U. S. GOVERNMENT

MESSAGE BY COURIER

Promises to Refrain From Further Destruction of Foreign Life and Property in Mexico if U. S. Will Refrain From Interfering With His Campaign Against Carranza.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 15.—A Mexican courier reached the border today from Francisco Villa's camp at Creel, fifty miles west of Minaca in the Guerrero district of Chihuahua, with proposals for the United States government that Villa would refrain from further destruction of foreign life and property in Mexico on condition that the United States would not interfere with his campaign against Carranza.

Frantic Stampede in Wheat Market

PRICES FELL 12 1-2 CENTS A BUSHEL IN CHICAGO

Fell Four Cents a Bushel Just Before the Market Closed—Indication of Negotiations to End the War is Given as Principal Reason for Break in Prices.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—In a frantic stampede today, wheat prices were trampled down 12 1-2 cents a bushel. The prime reason for the break was a German official suggestion of limited but universal disarmament.

Initial downturns in wheat values although sensational, did not exceed 9 1-2 cents a bushel, whereas the final few minutes of business witnessed the

BUSINESS DOMINANCE THROUGH ADVERTISING

It has been said that dominance in business means no monopoly, but leadership. It does not necessarily mean control of the market but substantial and healthy volume built on sound principles and supported by public recognition. Dominance may be obtained by a long and costly struggle, by a combination of several houses but many have reached it in a far less expensive manner.

This new method is free from many of the obstacles incident to the old ideas. This method is the employment of publicity that is both expansive and intensive. Such publicity brings, not only volume of sales, which is the primary purpose, but stability which means familiarity of the public with the firm's goods and therefore an assurance that present trade will be held and other gained.

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The Bulletin carried the following matter during the past week:

Bulletin	Telegraph	Local	General	Total
Saturday, Dec. 9...	84	150	1098	1332
Sunday, Dec. 10...	94	125	237	456
Tuesday, Dec. 12...	100	159	166	425
Wednesday, Dec. 13...	90	135	190	415
Thursday, Dec. 14...	108	148	167	423
Friday, Dec. 15...	103	118	185	406
Totals	579	835	3043	3457

terfere anywhere with his campaign against the Carranza government.

This was officially announced late today by a high representative of the government here after Villa's proposal had been forwarded to Washington by telegraph.

Offers to Protect Foreigners.

Villa also offered to protect all foreigners and their property from the raids of irresponsible bandits. It was also stated. The proposal included all Americans in Mexico. It was added.

Has 8,000 Well Armed Men.

At the camp where Villa had left his wounded in the Guerrero district, a number of Carranza wounded were also being treated by Villa's surgeons after they had promised to join the Villa army, the Mexican report to government agents stated. Villa had 8,000 well armed men and 8,000 rifles in reserve, the courier reported, and also a number of artillery pieces with him and a supply of shells for these pieces.

Anxious to Put Himself in Better Light.

From sources here known to be friendly to Villa it was learned today that Villa was anxious to put himself in a better light with the United States government and this was said to account for the fact that no Americans or other foreigners other than Chinese and Arabs were killed in Chihuahua City during the five days Villa was in control.

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STOLE \$2,000 WORTH FROM REMINGTON ARMS CO.

Wright Brothers Have Pleaded Guilty to Theft of Aluminum Wire.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 15.—Joseph G. Wright and Nathaniel P. Wright, members of a prominent family and successful business men, pleaded guilty today to the theft of nearly \$2,000 worth of aluminum wire from the Remington Arms Company. Wright was employed as a storekeeper. Each was sentenced to six months in jail. The brothers are members of a prominent family and successful business men. Wright had been a leader in local politics. Judge Burpee, in passing sentence, said the case was one that appealed strongly to his sympathies.

OBITUARY.

George Baisden. Hartford, Conn., Dec. 15.—George Baisden, former deputy warden at the Connecticut state prison, died at his home, No. 99 Barker street, this city, today, after a year of ill health. He was born in Cromwell April 30, 1842, and became connected with the prison Dec. 14, 1874. He resigned Nov. 1, 1911, and had since received a pension of \$500 a year from the state. He leaves a wife.

Condensed Telegrams

Jean Marius Antonin Mercie of France, sculptor and painter, is dead.

The Superior Thread & Yarn Co. increased its capital from \$1,200,000 to \$1,700,000.

Prince Henri XII of Reuss was killed in battle on November 29, on the Russian front.

Villista forces have again captured the town of Santa Rosalia, south of Chihuahua City.

The peace proposals of the Central Powers have been delivered to the Italian government.

Fire destroyed the American Laundry Co.'s building at Hagerstown, Md., at a loss of \$75,000.

Gold coin amounting to \$600,000 was withdrawn from the sub-treasury for shipment to Cuba.

Mrs. Abby Maria Harris French, of Rome, N. Y., celebrated her one hundred and second birthday.

The Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana advanced the price for rail grades of Caddo crude oil 10 cents a barrel.

The Southern Commercial Congress in session at Norfolk, Va., decided to hold its 1917 convention in New York.

J. P. Morgan, financial representative of the Entente allies in America, was a visitor at the British embassy.

Colonel Charles Page Bryan of Chicago, former United States ambassador to Japan, is seriously ill at Baltimore.

An embargo has been placed on shipments of grain and flour to eastern terminals by the Northern Pacific railway.

The American Line steamship Finland and the White Star Line steamship Baltic sailed from New York for Liverpool.

William O. Nixon, 53, president of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, died at St. Louis at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Gold to the amount of \$10,000,000 was imported from Canada and deposited at the Assay Office for the account of J. P. Morgan & Co.

George W. Anderson, United States district attorney at Boston, and in charge of the government's food investigation, arrived at Chicago.

The Italian steamship Algier, formerly a German vessel, which was reported adrift and in distress off Chetwood Head, arrived at Halifax, N. S.

The governors' conference, in session at Washington, voted to meet next year in St. Louis City, Utah, at a time to be selected by the executive committee.

Public hearings on President Wilson's recommendations for railroad legislation, to begin January 2, were determined upon by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

An increase of 5 per cent. for its 3,000 motormen and conductors was announced yesterday by the United Railway company, which operates the St. Louis traction lines.

Canadian bankers have been summoned to Ottawa by Finance Minister White for an exchange of views upon the question of financing British munition orders placed in Canada.

The army transport Kilpatrick arrived off Barnegat, N. J., to join the tug boats in the effort to free the stranded transport Sumner off into deep water.

The Ohio State Telephone company announced that since the strike of its operators and linemen began three weeks ago 4,000 lines have been cut by the company, rendering that number of telephones useless.

The coldest weather in two years struck Texas, yesterday, when the mercury fell to 20 degrees above zero. Reports from all over the state indicate that freezing temperatures prevail on the Gulf.

John H. Fulton, president of the Commercial National Bank, and the Commercial Germania Trust & Savings bank of New Orleans was elected a vice president of the National City Bank of New York.

Notices were posted at the plants of the H. C. Frick Coke company throughout the coke region in Pennsylvania, advising an increase of 10 per cent. in wages. Approximately 40,000 men are affected.

The sailing of the naval collier Caesar, America's Christmas ship for the suffering Armenians and Syrians was postponed until Saturday because of a delay in loading the cargo of food, clothing and medical supplies.

Orders for 1,500,000 board feet of mahogany billets, to be used in the manufacture of airplane propellers, blades, have been placed with the C. C. Mengel & Brothers Co. of Louisville, for delivery to the Entente allies.

FORMER B. & M. RECEIVER FILES PETITION OF INQUIRY

Whether to Pay Dividend on Stock of Connecticut River Railway.

Boston, Dec. 15.—James H. Hustis, former receiver of the Boston and Maine railroad, filed a petition in the federal court today inquiring whether he ought to pay a 5 per cent. dividend Jan. 1 on the outstanding stock of the Connecticut River railway, one of the leased lines of the Boston and Maine.

The receiver informed the court that a demand had been made upon him for the payment of the dividend as guaranteed by the terms of the lease, but that owing to the receivership he was in doubt what action to take.

A date for a hearing on the petition will be set later.

FLOUR PRICES DEMORALIZED BY THE BREAK IN WHEAT

Decline of \$2 a Barrel From Recent High Point in New York.

New York, Dec. 15.—Flour prices were demoralized by the break in wheat today and dropped almost fifty cents a barrel with spring patents quoted at \$3 a barrel. This is \$2 a barrel decline from the recent high point.

No Mediation Offer With Note

DECISION ARRIVED AT BY PRESIDENT WILSON

IS TO BE CABLED TODAY

Cabinet Was in Session Three Hours Yesterday—Definite Indication of Attitude of Entente Will be Disclosed in Speech by Lloyd George Next Tuesday.

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Wilson has decided that the notes of the central powers proposing a discussion of peace to the entente allies will be sent forward by the American government, acting as intermediary, without any accompanying mediation offer of its own. He has not determined whether any action in behalf of peace will be taken later by the United States in its own right, but is holding himself in readiness to serve in any way possible toward bringing the warring nations together.

Prolonged Cabinet Meeting.

The courseto be pursued was made known tonight after the president had conferred with Secretary Lansing and after a prolonged cabinet meeting. It was stated that the delay in forwarding the notes to the entente capitals was due to the fact that the messages received from Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey, identical in substance, differed slightly in phraseology as a result of different translations. They probably will be put on the cables tomorrow.

Note from Turkey Yesterday.

Since the first note arrived, the one from Germany, this president and his closest advisers have been absorbed in study of the situation created. The Austrian note followed, and the one from Turkey came late today, too late to be translated for the cabinet meeting. Those from Germany and Austria have been gone over carefully by the president and Secretary Lansing to make certain of their meaning, so that they may be sure to represent properly the intent of the central powers.

Definite indication of the attitude of the entente allies is expected in the speech of David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, next Tuesday.

VIGOROUS PROTEST AGAINST ENSLAVEMENT OF BELGIANS

Voiced at a Mass Meeting Held in New York Last Night.

New York, Dec. 15.—Vigorous expressions of indignation were voiced at a mass meeting here tonight to protest against the "enslavement of Belgians" by the German government. The deportation of the Belgian population was denounced in letters read from Theodore Roosevelt, Archbishop Ireland, Joseph H. Cloutier and Bishop Thomas O'Gorman of Sioux Falls. Equally forceful were addresses delivered by Eugene M. Keefe, former assistant attorney general of the United States, Alton B. Parker and Rev. Thomas T. Manning, pastor of Trinity church, who read letters to the "government of the United States to protest with all its force and earnestness against the German attempt to emphasize the detestation with which the American people regard these abuses, and to request the German government to make certain of its readiness to cease its policy of expatriation and slavery," and pledging "our utmost support to the administration in whatever way it may conclude to act."

SELECTING JURY FOR FAIR MURDER TRIAL

Woman's Husband One of the Two Men Accused of Daring Crimes.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 15.—Ten jurors had been selected today for the superior court adjourned trial until Monday next of William F. Fair and Jack Devereaux, both of Darien, charged with the murder in the killing of Fair's wife in that town some time in 1914. A panel of 35 talesmen had been exhausted and another will be summoned for Monday. Admitted impressions through the reading of newspaper stories caused a majority of the talesmen to be excused.

The nude body of a woman was found in a clump of woods in Darien in August, 1914. The state alleges that it was the body of Mrs. Fair; that she was killed by her husband, and that Devereaux, who is 22 years old, assisted. The defense promises to be an assertion that the body was not that of Mrs. Fair, but of some other woman.

DAVID CAPLAN FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

At Second Trial for Complicity in Los Angeles Times Explosion.

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 15.—David Caplan was found guilty of manslaughter today at his second trial for complicity in the Los Angeles Times explosion October 3, 1910, when twenty men were killed.

The sentence for manslaughter in from one to ten years. Caplan will appear in court Monday to receive sentence. At that time his attorneys announced, a motion would be filed for a new trial.

The jury was out five hours. Caplan was the fourth man brought to trial in the case. Twenty indictments charging murder were returned against eight other men, but the names of only the fourth arrested were made known.